TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL MEMORANDUM



HB 808 - SB 1242

March 30, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires local education agencies (LEAs) that designate its employees as classified, certified, or any other designation, to also designate school nurses employed by an LEA with the same designation as assigned to teachers.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Other Fiscal Impact – The precise impact on BEP funding apportioned to local education agencies and any impact on expenditures for the Department of Education cannot be reasonably determined.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006796): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires the Office of Research and Education Accountability (OREA), in the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, to conduct a study to determine the practice of LEAs categorizing school nurses as "classified" or "certified" employees. Requires OREA to study the costs to LEAs and the state to categorize school nurses as "certified LEA employees" or in the same manner as LEAs classify licensed teachers. Requires OREA to report the findings of the study to the Education Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives no later than January 31, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption for the bill as amended:

• It is estimated that OREA can conduct a study to determine the practice and cost of LEAs categorizing school nurses as "classified" or "certified" employees and deliver a report within existing resources without an increase to state expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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